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Mr. Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Mr. Lederberg:

Thank you for the abstract of the talk at Northampton. It should be quite adequate as a reference and we plan to use it in our publication.

Dr. Roepke and I feel that the term "prototroph" should be quite satisfactory. However, we have been wondering what verb one should use for the process of becoming a "prototroph". We dislike the use of adaptation since this has been used so loosely by many people. We have generally referred to the process as reversion to growth in the basal medium, and then stated the possibility that this might involve adaptation or a back-mutation. We were wondering what term you people used.

I should appreciate your opinion on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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